**Pending project proposals of Andhra Pradesh**

1507. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of project-proposals from Andhra Pradesh presently pending with the Ministry of Planning for aproval;

(b) since when are these been pending; and

(c) what are the reasons for delay in taking a decision thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) to (c) The position regarding pendency of project proposals from Andhra Pradesh is indicated below:—

(i) The Manjira Water Supply Scheme (Phase III) for augmentation of drinking water supply to the twin cities of Hyderabad and Secunderabad was referred by the Ministry of Urban Development to the Planning Commission for formal clearance in February, 1986. That Ministry has been requested in March, 1986 to clarify certain details regarding financial provision in the State Plan. It is learnt that the Ministry of Urban Development wrote to the State Government on 24th March, 1986 requesting them to clarify the points raised by the Planning Commission plus some more points from their side to modify the Project Report However no reply was received from the State Government.

Again on 26.5.86 another letter was written by the Ministry of Urban Development to expedite the matter, and no reply has so far been received from the State Government.

(ii) Buggavanka Reservoir Scheme was discussed at the meeting of the Advisory Committee on Irrigation, Flood Control and Multi-purpose projects held on 3.9.1984 and was considered acceptable subject to the State Government obtaining clearance from the forest angle furnishing certain clarifications regarding design flood and making provision for rehabilitation of oustees etc. The matter is pending with the State Government.

**Relaxation of Educational Qualifications for Experienced Government Employees for Promotions**

1508. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made provisions to relax the educational qualifications at the time of promotions for those Central Government Employees who have completed 15 to 20 years' of service and if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) whether there is any such rule under which a Class IV or Class III employee who enters into service with matriculation qualification and had completed more than 15 years of service could be considered for next promotion, for which graduation is the minimum qualification and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSION (SHRI BIREN SINGH ENGTI): (a) Educational qualifications are not generally insisted upon in the case of promotion to posts of non-technical nature; but for scientific and technical posts, these are insisted upon, in the interest of administrative efficiency, at least the case of senior Group 'A' posts in the scale of Rs. 1100—1600 and above.

(b) There is no such general rule. Instructions, however, exist to the effect that for appointment to any reserved vacancy in Group 'C' posts, a matriculate Ex-Serviceman (inclu-